

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP AF**  
Jean-Paul Caruana )  
Application No.: 10/500,849 ) Group Art Unit: 2876  
Filed: July 7, 2004 ) Examiner: LISA M CAPUTO  
For: INDUCTIVE COUPLING ) Confirmation No.: 8748  
EXCHANGE IN A PORTABLE )  
INTELLIGENT OBJECT WITH )  
CENTRAL AND PERIPHERAL )  
CIRCUITS )

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-7 and 11-18. The continued indication that claims 8-10 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

The examiner is thanked for the informative interview with Applicant's undersigned counsel. The substance of that interview is set forth in the following remarks.

The rejection of claims 1-7 and 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, on the basis of the Chalmers et al. reference (EP 0057602) in view of the Kreft patent (US 5,206,495), was maintained. New claims 16-18 were also rejected on the same grounds. In the response traversing this rejection, Applicant identified at least three distinctions between the claims and the disclosures of the references: